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## NOT TO FIX COAL PRICES AT PRESENT

DIRECTOR SELF WITHOUT AUTHORITY SINCE HOOVER WITH-DREW PRICE LIST.

## COAL COMING IN REGULARLY

North Carolina is Not Suffering on Account of Fuel Shortage, Mr. Self Said.

Raleigh. All ready to announce a scale of fair prices for coal in North Carolina, Director R. O. Self, on second thought, came to the conclusion that he had no authority to fix prices since Herbert Hoover has withdrawn his price scale with the resumption of operations at the mines. Mr. Self is still in somewhat of a quandary as to what course to take, and may go to Washington to try to unravel the matter.

Prices in North Carolina were to have ranged between \$4.50 and \$4.85 per ton plus whatever freight charges were incurred and reasonable profits for dealers. These prices follow almost exactly the prices that had been fixed by Mr. Hoover and withdrawn. Just what will be done about it now Mr. Self does not know, and he has suspended work on the price-fixing order.

North Carolina is not suffering for coal, and not an industry has been forced to shut down on account of fuel shortage, Mr. Self said, although several have been within 24 hours of suspension. Coal is coming into the state regularly and the railroads have been able to move it with fair dispatch. Applications are still coming in for coal, and the roomful of clerks keep them moving out again.

How far the administration is going to continue is a matter that Mr. Self does not yet know. Throughout the emergency he has been unable to find out from the national coal committee just what the situation has been, and he has relied mostly on his own judgment. Coal has been coming in, and North Carolina has not suffered a minute of inconvenience, except that of anxiety, on account of the coal situation.

## Supreme Court Opens Fall Term.

Arguments in seven cases on appeal in the North Carolina Supreme court were disposed of by the court on the first day of the fall meeting. All the cases were from the first judicial district.

Appeals argued included that of the State vs. Ed Gill, from Beaufort, in which the negro defendant, sentenced to die for criminal assault committed in March, is seeking a new trial.

Representing the state in the appeal was Attorney General J. S. Manning, Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash, and Daniel & Carter; while the defendant was represented by Wiley C. Rodman, Ward & Grimes, John G. Tooley and Harry McMullen.

Other cases argued included:

Benjamin Forbes, Maggie Small and Eugene Small vs. J. C. Long and A. B. Banks, of Pasquotank; W. I. Halstead, Ehringhaus & Small for the plaintiffs and Ayldett & Simpson for the defendants.

J. L. Baker vs. J. D. Winslow, of Pasquotank; Ayldett & Simpson for the plaintiff and Ehringhaus & Small for the defense.

Ada V. Whitehurst vs. R. L. Hinton consolidated with Ada V. Whitehurst, Cecil Whitehurst et al. vs. R. L. Hinton et al., of Pasquotank; Meekins and McMullen, Ehringhaus & Small for the plaintiff and W. I. Halstead and W. A. Worth for the defense.

Herman Newbern and I. W. Fisher vs. J. B. Leigh, trustee, and K. R. Winslow, from Pasquotank; Ayldett & Simpson for the plaintiff and W. A. Worth for the defense.

Governor Will Not Grant Pardon. Governor Morrison declined to pardon Nick Saleeby, of Pitt county, sentenced in August, 1921, to two years on the county roads, for violation of the prohibition law. The petition was presented by A. B. Saleeby, of Salisbury, and others.

## Labor Supply Greater Than Demand.

Continued stagnation in the employment situation throughout the state is indicated in the report of the state employment service for the past week issued by Director M. L. Shipman, showing registration at 596 and placements at 499, or a surplus of labor of 97 for the week. Requests for help numbered only 483.

Only in skilled labor classes was the demand greater than the average.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Statesville.—Clyde Campbell, aged 19 years, son of J. S. Campbell, of Rowan county, is at Long's sanatorium in a critical condition as a result of having been stabbed by a Bowles boy of Davie county.

Thomasville.—The baby girl with two heads born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Matthews is still living, but it is stated by physicians from Thomasville and High Point that freaks of that kind do not survive very long.

Charlotte.—The firm of T. C. Thompson & Co. was the successful bidder for the erection of the \$150,000 home and mechanical building for the Saco-Lowell shops here which will be built on Mint and Commerce streets.

Greensboro.—The tax rate for the city of Greensboro has been fixed at \$1.07 on the \$100 property valuation. That is a reduction of five cents on the \$100 from last year. The reduction was made possible by a 10 cents reduction in the school tax.

Burlington.—The Burlington graded schools will open for the fall term on September 12. C. C. Haworth has been re-elected superintendent for the coming year, and the list of teachers has already been announced.

Weldon.—Charles E. Vincent, prominent citizen of South Weldon, was found in his car by the side of the road with his throat cut. When found he was conscious and said, "Was tired of this world and had tried to kill himself." He will probably recover.

Lumberton.—Officials of the Robeson County Fair association are preparing for the eighth annual Robeson county fair, which will be held here October 10 to 18. Improvements are being made in the various exhibition buildings, which will add to the convenience of the exhibitors.

Elizabeth City.—City Manager Ferebee and one of his employees were cited into police court on a charge of cruelty to animals. Both were adjudged not guilty, but the corporation of Elizabeth City may be in for a civil suit for damages, judged by the trend of remarks heard in court during the progress of the trial.

Raleigh.—Three negroes were killed and four others were injured at the grade crossing of an early morning race between an automobile and Seaboard passenger train No. 1. It happened between Apex and New Hill. The dead were taken aboard the train to Sanford and the injured to a hospital in Hamlet.

Shelby.—At a meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club, the motto of the club, "We Build," was quickly and concretely illustrated when President Max O. Gardner announced that Shelby ought to have a new cotton mill, and in less than thirty minutes four hundred thousand dollars was subscribed.

Charlotte.—Charlotte has been chosen by the construction firm of O. Palmer Spivey company, whose headquarters have formerly been in Augusta, Ga., to be the future home of the firm. L. E. Palmer, head of the company, will make his residence in this city. This company is now building the Elizabeth high school.

New Bern.—An invitation has been extended Henry Ford to be the chief speaker at the New Bern fair, and in addition to letters from various business men, a local newspaper editor sent Mr. Ford a radio message begging him to accept. Officials believe it would be difficult to find a speaker that would be heard with greater interest by the people of this section.

Winston-Salem.—The congregation of Calvary Moravian Church have decided to build a new house of worship. The plans call for a hundred-thousand dollar structure.

Henderson.—Sale of the \$200,000 street improvement bond issue at par and accrued interest has been effected, subject to approval by the city council at its regular monthly meeting.

Goldboro.—A \$3,000 storm drain ditch 12 feet wide to the river is being dug to relieve the lower districts of the city from the flood which covers them following an ordinary rain storm.

Winston-Salem.—Dr. Harold E. Henderson, who has been city food inspector for three years, resigned to take up work with the State and Federal Department of Agriculture.

Durham.—The grade crossing, three miles west of Durham, where Col. James Marks Williams, his wife and sister were killed is to be eliminated immediately by the opening of a road leading to an underpass about 100 yards distant.

Hickory.—Rural mail carriers of the Ninth Congressional District will hold their annual meeting at Ball's Creek camp ground, in this county, on Monday, September 4. Labor Day.

## GREAT DECLINE IN COTTON REPORTED

YIELD FOR YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT 10,575,000 BALES IN THE FINAL FORECAST.

## COTTON ACREAGE ABANDONED

There Was a Decline of 13.3 Points in the Condition of the Crop During August.

Washington. — This year's cotton crop was forecast at 10,575,000 bales by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop on August 25, which was 57.0 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 145.8 pounds per acre. There was a decline of 13.3 points in the condition during August.

The condition of the crop on August 25 and the forecast of production by states follows:

State	Condition	Forecast
Alabama	65	750,000
Arkansas	45	587,000
California	44	993,000
Florida	60	24,000
Georgia	60	836,000
Illinois	60	1,008,000
Indiana	60	414,000
Iowa	59	3,444,000
Kansas	48	939,000
Mississippi	65	278,000
Missouri	70	76,000
Nebraska	63	768,000
Nevada	91	120,000
North Carolina	57	55,000
South Carolina	55	21,000
Texas	55	79,000
Virginia	55	79,000
Washington	55	79,000
West Virginia	55	79,000
Wisconsin	55	79,000
Wyoming	55	79,000

The cotton acreage abandoned between June 25 and August 25 and the acreage remaining in cultivation August 25 by states was announced as follows:

State	Abandoned	Remaining
Alabama	2,000	49,000
Arkansas	33,000	2,587,000
California	33,000	2,197,000
Florida	124,000	4,005,000
Georgia	4,000	118,000
Illinois	12,000	2,993,000
Indiana	22,000	3,178,000
Iowa	24,000	1,287,000
Kansas	82,000	2,833,000
Mississippi	5,000	814,000
Missouri	43,000	156,000
Nebraska	0.8 per cent	2,797,000
Nevada	0.8 per cent	2,797,000
North Carolina	none	210,000
South Carolina	none	10,500
Texas	2,000	44,000
Virginia	2,000	44,000
Washington	2,000	44,000
West Virginia	2,000	44,000
Wisconsin	2,000	44,000
Wyoming	2,000	44,000

## Great Britain Cotton Interests Worry.

Washington.—British cotton interests are "profoundly pessimistic" of the future, while the French consider the prospects bright, according to a report to the commerce department from Edward T. Pickard, chief of the textile division, who is making a survey of conditions abroad.

The French, he reported, are well satisfied because their mills are occupied and prices in general have not declined in sympathy with other markets. French manufacturers are looking forward to a continuance of the present activity throughout the balance of 1922.

In the spinning section of Great Britain mills were said to be in somewhat worse position than the weaving plants, although British trade returns for July showed cotton goods exports to be the highest in two and one-half years.

## Nation's Birth Rate Falls.

Washington.—The birth rate is declining and the death rate is increasing, according to statistics made public by the census bureau, covering the first quarter of the year.

The birth rate in the states from which comparative figures were available showed an average of 23.3 for each thousand of population in the first three months of 1922 against 25.8 in 1921, while the mortality average in the registration area in the first quarter this year was 13.7 against 12.6 in the same period last year.

North Carolina, with 22.3 reported the highest birth rate for the three months this year, and the state of Washington, with 16.5 the lowest. The District of Columbia had the highest mortality rate, with 17.6 and Wyoming the lowest with 9.6.

## Would Seize Vessel.

New York.—Prohibition Zone Chief Appleby recommended the seizure of the steamship City of Atlanta, operated by the Ocean Steamship company of Savannah, Ga., after his agents alleged to have found on board at

## BOND FINANCING NOW SLOWING UP

FOR THREE SUCCESSIVE WEEKS NEW LOW LEVELS ARE SET; CASH PLENTIFUL.

## SEVERAL REASONS ASSIGNED

Virtually All Large Corporations Reported to Have Completed Their Immediate New Financing.

New York. — Investment bankers and bond dealers reported that there was a dearth of new bond financing in prospect. For three successive weeks new bond offerings have established low levels for the year, the total last week being only \$7,730,000 as against a weekly average of \$10,000,000 in the early spring of the year and an average to date of \$9,000,000.

Several reasons are assigned for the slump in addition to the usual mid-summer dullness. Virtually all the large industrial corporations are reported to have completed their immediate new financing and to be in no further need of cash. Some second grade corporations also appear to be in a strong cash position with no immediate necessity or prospect of expanding operations, while third rate companies are not in position to borrow further at this time.

Continuance of easy money rates also has resulted in corporations finding it more profitable to raise money through the issuance of stock in preference to the sale of bonds. Two large railroads, the Illinois Central and the Chesapeake & Ohio already have chosen this method with another large eastern trunk line reported to be contemplating action.

Disturbed economic conditions in Europe are said to have virtually precluded any further financing in that quarter and no definite negotiations are pending for South American loans although several of these countries are reported to be in the market for money.

## Two Women and One Man Slain.

Canton, Ohio.—Two women and a man were murdered and another man wounded here by an unknown man who lay in wait for his victims and struck them down with an iron bar as they entered the house. The murderer escaped. The dead are:

Mrs. Frank Burns, 27.  
Frank Burns, her husband, 25.  
Mrs. Mary Nola, 20.  
Luther Armstrong, 22, suffered a severe scalp wound when the iron bar wielded by the murderer struck him a glancing blow.

Armstrong fled from the house and notified the police.

When Armstrong and Mrs. Nola entered the Burns home, where Mrs. Nola resided, a man, hiding in a room just off the hallway, killed Mrs. Nola with a blow, then struck Armstrong with the iron bar, according to the story told police by Armstrong.

Authorities are holding Armstrong on suspicion, pending further investigation.

## Troops at Spencer Leave for Home.

Raleigh, N. C.—Following a conference with Governor Morrison, Adjutant General Metts ordered the eight companies stationed at Spencer to return to their home stations.

Conditions about the Southern Railway shops and in Spencer and Salisbury were considered to be satisfactory by the governor and adjutant general, justifying the removal of the troops. Before issuing the order returning the soldiers to their home stations, Governor Morrison talked over the telephone with Col. Don Scott, in command at Spencer, who assured him that conditions there were peaceful, with the outlook encouraging for the prevalence of order.

In calling the troops from Spencer, warning was issued by the executive that overt acts would send them back again. No lawlessness will be tolerated, it was explained, and the removal of the soldiers merely leaves it up to the cool heads in the strike zone to see that the law is respected.

## Greeks Withstand Turkish Attacks.

Constantinople.—Despite their evacuation of Asia Minor, the Greeks are understood to have successfully withstood the formidable concentric attacks made upon them by the Turkish Nationalist army in Asia Minor. It was in anticipation of this general attack, apparently, that General Hadji-Jane, the Greek commander in

## State Treasurer Sells More Bonds.

With the approval of the governor and the council of state, State Treasurer R. B. Lacy sold to a syndicate of New York bankers represented by B. J. Van Ingen, 46 Cedar street, New York, \$2,300,000 of four and a half per cent school bonds at \$100.20 and \$5,000,000 of four per cent refunding notes at par and accrued interest to refund an equal amount of 5.95 per cent notes maturing October 1, 1923, and callable at 101 October 1, 1922.

The school bonds, which are a part of the five million-dollar issue authorized by the general assembly for the establishment of a school building loan fund will mature in equal installments from January 1, 1927, to January 1, 1946. Including the bonds sold, \$5,300,000 of the five million-dollar issue have been sold. The latest issue, according to Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction, will be taken up by the counties within thirty days. On January 1, 1923, the remaining bonds authorized, totaling \$1,700,000, will be issued.

By refunding the \$5,000,000 short term notes which bear interest at 5.95 with an equal amount of notes bearing interest at four per cent, State Treasurer Lacy has saved the state approximately \$47,000. He has just returned from New York where negotiations resulting in the sale were carried on. The sale was not completed, however, until there had been a conference with the governor and council of state.

B. J. Van Ingen, representing the syndicate of New York bankers who bought the bonds, was in Raleigh.

## Sunday School Heads to Meet.

Under the direction of Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, two superintendents' conferences for the Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina will be held at Asheville, September 13-15. The conference at Asheville will accommodate the superintendents in the western part of the state, while Raleigh will take care of the eastern and central sections.

These conferences have passed beyond the experimental stage. The one held in Hickory two years ago and the two held in Goldsboro and Salisbury last year proved to be so exceedingly helpful that they have become a fixed institution in the Baptist Sunday School work of the state. Hundreds of superintendents and pastors from every section of the state attended the two conferences last year.

## Nearly Million Paid Commissioner.

Nearly one million dollars was collected by the North Carolina Insurance Department last year in fees and taxes, according to the annual report of Stacy W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner.

The exact total of collections was \$996,604.68. Of this, \$314,624 was turned over to the State Treasurer, the remainder being disbursed by the Commissioner.

The receipts and disbursements for the past fiscal year in detail are as follows:

For taxes on gross receipts, \$97,453.23; for licenses from companies, \$53,228.65; for fees and licenses for agents, \$63,947.22; total paid treasurer, \$314,624.09; for publication annual statements in newspapers, \$4,120; for investigation fees \$64,255.05; for building and loan association taxes for state, county, and city, \$98813.15; for lighting rod taxes for counties, \$570; for firemen's relief, \$26,322.39; total, \$996,604.68.

## Association to Begin Campaign.

As soon as the schools open this fall the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association will begin an intensive campaign in a few selected counties in cooperation with the State Board of Health to bring the malnourished children up to par.

From a few surveys that have been conducted by the Association, and also by the United States Public Health Service in North Carolina, it has been found that fully thirty per cent of the school children are under weight for their age and height. The percentage of underweights being a little larger among the white children than among the colored.

It has been demonstrated that the five chief causes of malnutrition named in the order of their importance are: physical defects and disease, lack of home control, over-fatigue, improper diet and faulty health habits. It will be readily seen from this list of causes that a campaign that does not enlist the cooperation of parents and teachers will be only successful in a minor degree. The Association is putting forth a strong appeal to those with children in their care to lend their support in the home and school in order that the program may be carried out successfully.

Arrangements will be made to give proper treatment to those who are

## BONUS BILL HAS PASSED SENATE

PASSAGE OVER PRESIDENTIAL VETO APPEARS TO BE DOUBTFUL.

## AFTER FOUR HOURS DEBATE

Party Lines Disappear on Roll Call; Galleries Greet Passage With Much Applause.

Washington.—By a vote of 47 to 22, the four-billion-dollar soldiers' bonus bill was passed by the senate. It now goes to conference where prompt action was expected by both senate and house leaders.

Party lines disappeared on the roll call, which followed four hours' debate. Announcement of the result was greeted with applause from the galleries, which went unchecked despite the violation of senate rules.

Three opponents of the bonus were present, but unable to vote on account of pairs. Eight other opponents were absent, making the total number against the measure 33, or more than enough to prevent passage over a presidential veto, provided all 96 senators were present and voting.

On the roll call, however, there was one more senator supporting bonus than the two-thirds majority of those present and voting. A two-thirds majority would be sufficient to insure final enactment of the bill even should President Harding disapprove it, as many now believe he will.

The roll call follows.

For the bonus:  
Republicans: Brandegee, Burton, Cameron, Capper, Colt, Cummings, Gooding, Hale, Jones, Washington, Kellogg, LaFollette, Root, Lodge, McCormick, McLean, McNairy, Nicholson, Seward, Watson of Indiana and Watson of Ohio.

Democrats: Ashurst, Broussard, Calhoun, Fletcher, Gerry, Heilbrunn, Hitchcock, Kendrick, McKeller, Pittman, Pomeroy, Ransdell, Reed of Missouri, Robinson, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Trammell, Walsh of Massachusetts and Walsh of Montana.

Total, 47.

Against the bonus:  
Republicans: Ball, Borah, Calkins, Dillingham, Edge, France, Frelinghuysen, Keyes, Nelson, New, Phipps, Reed of Pennsylvania, Smoot, Sterling and Wadsworth—12.

Democrats: Dial, Glass, Myers, Shields, Swanson, Underwood and Williams—7.

Immediately after the passage of the measure, the senate directed that it be returned to the house with a request for a conference. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the republican leader, said the house would send a conference under a special rule.

The senate conferees named are those who now are working on the tariff bill and the house is expected to appoint its managers on the tariff measure. Since there is no serious dispute between the two houses on the bonus, the conferees are expected to lay aside the tariff long enough to agree to a report on the bonus.

## Priority on Coal and Food.

Washington.—Railroads west of the Mississippi river were authorized by the interstate commerce commission to give preference and priority to the movement of foodstuffs, livestock perishable products and fuel whenever their operating conditions become such as to cause freight congestion or blockade. The order declared an emergency and laid down rules for the conduct of the western lines identified with those which have been in effect on railroads east of the Mississippi river.

Roads unable to transport promptly all freight offered, the order said, may suspend ordinary practices in providing cars for shipping and routing. The order will go into effect September 1 and will remain in effect until the further order of the commission.

## Plane Enters War on Weevil.

Greenville, Miss.—The airplane entered another war—against the boll weevil, and, in tests near here under government supervision demonstrated its efficiency in the newest field it has set out to conquer.

Flying low over a 140,000-acre tract, Lieutenant Guy McNeill, of the army aviation corps, spread a trail of calcium arsenate, recognized exterminator of the pest, over several hundred acres in the opening demonstration of a series of tests to determine the